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Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the Indian Christian Panchamas are included in the depressed classes?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"They are at present."

Education of depressed classes children in public managed schools in the Presidency.

*1614 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the number of depressed classes children now attending schools under public management in each district in this Presidency at present; and

(b) what steps are being taken to see that the orders of the Government in this matter are carried out properly?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the subsidiary tables in Part II-A of Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency for 1927–28.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Government Orders reviewing the annual reports on the subject received from the Director of Public Instruction which have been placed on the Editors' Table and especially to G.O. No. 153, Law (Education), dated 25th January 1929, reviewing the report for 1927–28.

Revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code

*1615 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how long the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code has been under consideration; and

(b) whether any final conclusions have been arrived at in this matter?

A.—(a) Since 1926.

(b) No.

Progress of elementary education in the Presidency.

*1616 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent for elementary education by Government in each of the years from 1910–11 to 1927–28;

(b) the amount spent by local bodies in each of the years during the same period; and

(c) the number of boys and girls in elementary schools in each year during the same period?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A statement[a] is laid on the table.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 443 infra.